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The following is a summary of Soviet and KVP military activities observed prior to 8 June 1954:

A. Soviet Troop Movements and Exercises:

1. First Guards Mechanized Army: There was no change in the disposition of the 8th Guards Mechanized Division or the 11th Guards Tank Division. Up to 26 May, elements of the 9th Tank Division were engaged in tank and infantry firing exercises at Zeithain. On 20 May, light anti-aircraft artillery fired at air sleeve targets in Koenigsbrueck.
2. Second Guards Mechanized Army: On 26 and 29 May, artillery units of the 1st Mechanized Division returned in three shipments from combat firing exercises at Justerbog to Doeberitz. On 20 May, the 2nd Light Artillery Brigade was still at its Doeberitz post.
3. Third Guards Mechanized Army:
 - a. Ninth Mechanized Division Area: On 21 May, all barracks installations at Cottbus, except the Dissenchen Kaserne, were occupied by guard details. On 27 May, installations in Luebben were also occupied by guard details. On 21 May, a barracks installation near Drachhausen was occupied to capacity by troops and equipment, including 90 tanks. The bulk of the 9th Mechanized Division is still in the Peitz area.
 - b. Other Units: The 35th Engineer Regiment is still at Kummersdorf. New special exercises are expected at the Hege Lake from 23 May to 1 June.
4. Fourth Guards Mechanized Army: Prior to 29 May, the presence of most of the 25th Tank Division and the 71st Light Artillery Brigade at Templin was confirmed, and small exercises started there. Late in May, the 6th Guards Mechanized Division and the 10th Guards Tank Division were still observed in their billeting

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5. Third Shock Army: There were no changes.
6. Eighth Guards Army: The 91st Signal Regiment, the 446th Signal Battalion and the bulk of the 13th Anti-Aircraft Artillery Division were absent from their posts in Weimar during the second half of May. All artillery brigades were found at their posts in late May. According to a rumor from Merseburg, no troops have been transferred in order to prevent a possible repetition of the June riots. On 23 May, the 67th Guards Mechanized Regiment of the 20th Guards Mechanized Division continued with its tank and infantry training in the Zeitz forest.
7. IV Artillery Corps: Up to 27 May, elements of the 34th and 6th Artillery Divisions were confirmed at Altengrabow. So far, no major firing practices have been observed. On 24 May, all units of the 25th Rocket Launcher Brigade were still stationed at their Rathenow posts.

B. KVP Developments:

1. Between 19 and 23 May, elements of the Guard Regiment moved into a new Kaserne south of Strausberg. By mid-June, the bulk of the regiment will be transferred to the same installation from Biesdorf. Transfer to the Strausberg area of other KVP units, including a Motor Transport Regiment, a Sedan Battalion and the Political School at Treptow, and possibly elements of the KVP Department of the Interior Ministry, is also planned for the middle of June.
2. Units continue training at their posts.
3. After 30 May, police reinforcements from the Bezirk capitals arrived in East Berlin for employment in the Whitsuntide rally of the Free German Youth. The Mechanized Division at Potsdam has been alerted.

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☐ Comment: Major elements of combat units probably will remain at their posts after mid-June. Training at the training grounds and in the vicinity of the posts is still proceeding according to schedule. The sending of police to East Berlin for the Free German Youth rally follows the pattern set during the Four-Power Conference.

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